

LEAGUE IS GIANT OF AUTOCRACY, ASSERTS BORAH

Covenant Is a Menace to
Control of the People,
He Declares.

PEACE THE FIRST THING

Troy Audience Told of Perils
to U. S. in the Present
Constitution.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

TEOR, N. Y., March 14.—United States Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, energetic champion of Americanism against internationalism, was enthusiastically applauded here to-night when he exposed the weaknesses and perils contained in and threatened by the proposed constitution for a League of Nations. His analysis of the suggested covenant emphasized the likelihood of the formation of a more powerful autocracy than ever before existed in the history of the world, such world control, he pointed out, as might be utterly fatal to democratic institutions.

Whatever the pretenses of the proposed constitution may be, it actually proposes, Senator Borah stated, to turn over the destinies of the United States to a star chamber council the majority of whom would be Europeans and Asiatics. He noted a definite threat to the influence and control of the people.

Demands Immediate Peace.

The Senator's speech gained applause also for its insistence on an immediate peace and the settlement of the great international problems of the present before the proposed League of Nations constitution is worked out. The Senator said in part:

"There is a feature of this proposed constitution which it seems to me the people at large ought to scrutinize with vigilant and jealous care. This proposed constitution contemplates placing in the hands of nine men, five of whom will control the power to deal with the most vital concerns of a people. And yet there is not, from the preamble to the close of the last article, any provision or any method by which the people can be heard. There is no provision by which they can check or modify or control in any way the action of those European diplomats sitting behind closed doors in Europe, is that the fruit of these twenty centuries of struggle for democracy?"

People Left Powerless.

"There are no more vital questions so far as the interests of these masses are concerned than the questions with which the League will have to deal, and yet the masses are as powerless to control the situation as were the subjects of the dead czar of Russia. The principle of self-determination, the rights of small nations, the power of the people to choose their own destiny, to set up their own form of government are as absent from this proposed constitution as from the constitution of Prussia. I challenge any advocate of this constitution to point out a single instance in which those who pay the taxes and fight the battles and suffer and die have a voice.

The censorship of France is being used and how the cables are being prostituted to keep the people of France from knowing what is going on among the people of the United States and to keep the people of the United States from knowing what is going on by the people of France.

Censorship on the News.

"What the common people of France think of this League of Nations we are not permitted to know. What the people of the United States are saying and doing in regard to the League the people of France are not permitted to know. A censorship is invoked in France as autocratic, as unconstitutional and as a violation of the fundamental principle of free government as any censorship ever established under any dictator in the last 200 years. The only news which is permitted to go over the cables is the news of officials, the sayings and doings of those who are now disposing of the destinies of the different peoples of the world.

"This was a people's war, let's make it a people's peace. Let the people of the different nations interested exchange views and know concerning one another's feelings in regard to it.

"We have just passed through a period in this country in which every attempt was made to control the press and suppress free speech. Many people were willing to tolerate these things when our republic was in jeopardy, although I am one of those who believed that the guarantee of free speech found in our Constitution is as sacred as any principle of free government and should never be denied to a people.

Up to the People to Insist.

"But now that the war is over let the people return to their own and insist upon information. They should distrust any man or class of men who deny it to them and distrust any proposition which they are not permitted to pass upon. If you are denied information and denied an opportunity to be heard while this league is being framed, what will be the situation after it is framed? After an executive council, neither selected nor elected by the people, nor responsible to the people, convenes, what voice will those who must bear the burden and the heat of the day have in controlling these 'last affairs'?"

"There are two things the American people ought to insist upon: First, that we have the terms of peace with the enemy quickly and conclusively settled, so that these vast expenses may be ended and that our soldiers in Europe may return home. Second, that the League of Nations be treated as a separate and distinct proposition, thoroughly debated, considered and finally voted upon by the people before it is adopted.

"There are two plain, simple propositions founded in conscience and justice due the voters of this country and to the men and women who have suffered and sacrificed in this war."

KNOX GETS BRITISH ANTI-LEAGUE SPEECH

Donald McMaster, M. P.,
Doubts American Approval.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—All Britishers do not share the expressed confidence of President Wilson that the United States will accept the present League of Nations covenant without material change, according to Senator Knox (Pa.), who received to-day a speech made in the British Parliament last month, in which some of the American objections were pointed out.

The speech was sent to Mr. Knox by Donald McMaster, M. P., who was delivered on February 12 last, but apparently none of it was allowed to go on

the cables. In part Mr. McMaster said: "Who is going to pay the expense of carrying on the colonies? I see the greatest opportunity for confusion and also the greatest difference of opinion between the members of the subsequent League of Nations.

"Although President Wilson may be very enthusiastic for this league, it must be remembered that the American man and the American woman are very practical, and that when it comes to a question of entrusting a section in Asia, Africa or Europe to the custody of the United States and providing for its administration, and that when it comes to the United States being made a part of a League of Nations, which if it is to amount to anything must have the power to act, I do not think we shall see a great deal of alacrity in the United States in favor of the League of Nations.

"Nobody desires more than I do the closest possible unity between the Allies and the different branches of the English speaking races, but we must not count upon the Americans so forgetting their own interests—they usually know what their own interests are that they will link in with us to incur a liability of which the sense of their people cannot approve.

FALL SEES ENGLAND AS WORLD'S MASTER

Objects to League Plan on
Sovereignty Grounds.

AMSTERDAM, N. M., March 14.—"If the present League of Nations plan is adopted Great Britain will rule the League, and I object to America's becoming again a subsidiary country to the British Isles," declared Senator Paul of New Mexico to-day in addressing the Chamber of Commerce here.

"If the League of Nations had existed in 1774 there would be no United States now," continued the Senator. "Other nations would have nipped in the bud the revolution that gave us our independence."

"As a league I do not oppose it. There are many provisions which I would gladly adopt for the benefit of the United States and the world at large. But even if these were adopted this country would give up sovereignty rights which we have possessed and defended since Independence Day.

"The charter of the league provides for every self-governing nation or province to have a voice in the league. This brings in Canada, Australia, India, Ireland and the other English provinces. Through their vote England will run the world and use us to keep these provinces forever subjected to their mother country."

50,000 ASK TO HEAR LODGE-LOWELL TALK

2,500 Seats for Debate Will
Be Drawn by Lot.

BOSTON, March 14.—The 2,500 persons who will hear Senator Henry Cabot Lodge and Mr. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard University, discuss the proposed League of Nations in Symphony Hall next Wednesday night will be a small proportion of those who have applied for seats. From all parts of New England and from points as far as including Washington, D. C., and New York State, a flood of applications has come to the committee on arrangements. The Rev. Edward Cummings, secretary of the World Peace Foundation, who is in charge of the ticket distribution, said to-night that more than 20,000 applications had been received and filed, with many others awaiting the clerks. He estimated an aggregate of 50,000 would be reached before the time limit expires to-morrow noon.

The committee on arrangements decided to-day to make reservations for the Governors of all the New England States, members of the Federal and State judiciaries, members of Congress, Mayors of all Massachusetts cities, the Governor's Council and members of the Legislature. Other seats will be distributed after a drawing to determine the successful applicants.

McADOO ADVOCATES LEAGUE.

Believes It Can Prevent War, He
Says in Office Here.

"I am strongly in favor of a League of Nations and I think that provision for it should be made in the treaty of peace," said William G. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury and Director-General of Railroads, yesterday at the office of the new law firm of McAdoo, Cotton & Franklin, at 150 Broadway. Mr. McAdoo has been in town for a few days because of the death of his son-in-law and serious illness of his daughter. He will start at once for California and expects to return to New York permanently about April 15, when he said he intended making a statement concerning the League of Nations "in full."

"The world has always been organized for war and we have had wars," he went on yesterday. "The world must now organize for peace. Without America there can be no effective league that will secure peace. There are times when people can do things that seem impossible at some other period in history and I heartily believe that the League of Nations can do away with war at the present time. The whole world needs to turn to productive work now and take care of the responsibilities that have come out of the war."

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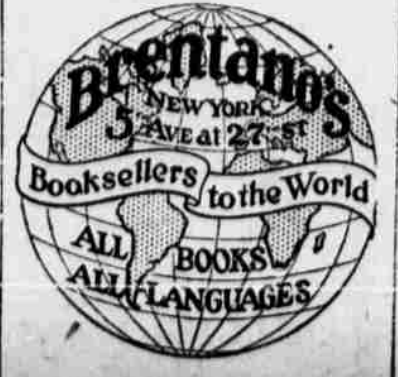
Griffin Resigns as Editor.

Retires From Springfield "Republican" After 40 Years' Service.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 14.—Solomon Bulfinch Griffin has resigned as managing editor of the Springfield Republican, a position he has held for more than forty years, and will devote his time to his business interests and to private literary work.

Mr. Griffin came to the Republican from Williams College in July, 1872, forty-seven years ago this summer, as a reporter, and received his first newspaper training under the elder Samuel Bowles. He was appointed managing editor after Mr. Bowles' death in 1878. At one time or another he has filled every position in the editorial department.

Mr. Griffin has attended most of the national and State political conventions of the last forty years.



Boys' Party Suits

in exclusive Saks Models

At \$6.50



Smart, dressy little party suits, with blouse of white washable silk and trousers of a fine cotton material. To be had in gold, blue, rose and green. Sizes 3 to 6 years.

Of All Wool Serge—

Boys' Sailor Suits

At \$9.75



Made in regulation model, exactly duplicating the U. S. naval uniform. Nothing more practical nor more acceptable to the active boy of 3 to 8 years. Illustrated.

New Waist Seam Suits for Boys

with extra knickers

At \$13.75



The smartest Spring suits shown for boys, in trim waist seam style with detachable belt. Tailored in a splendid showing of dependable fancy mixtures. Sizes 8 to 15 years.

Exceptionally Well Tailored— Boys' Smart Suits At \$21



Suits that have been tailored according to a very high standard, in a variety of styles, displaying many novel treatments in pockets, belts and collars. Good selection of fancy woolsens to choose from. Sizes 8 to 15 years.

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In the Heart of New York—Direct by Subway, Tube and "L"

A Special Presentation and Sale of

Women's Chic Suits for Spring at \$39.50



Distinctive Box Coat, Blouse and belted styles, of unusual beauty of line and daring originality.

Some display exquisite panel effect vestees, others have mannish waistcoats in contrasting color.

The materials:

Men's Wear Serge, Poiret Twill, Tricotine, Gabardine, Tweeds, Pencil Stripes, Wool Jersey and Worsted Checks.

Every wanted color, and sizes 34 to 44; also several models to 50½ bust.

Fourth Floor.

Women's Crepe de Chine and Georgette Frocks

—True to Fashion's Dictates, yet
maintaining their own individuality

At \$25

These dainty frocks trust to skillful draping for their clever lines, and silk and bead embroidery lend them an added charm.

They are fashioned of Georgette Crepe and Crepe de Chine, with Georgette Crepe waist to match. The colors are those now very much in demand—

Taupe, Copenhagen Blue, Silver Grey, Navy and Black. Sizes 34 to 44.

100 Women's Serge Frocks

Formerly \$15 to \$18.50

Reduced to \$12.75

Broken assortments of some of our most successful models, in tailored, braid-trimmed and tunic effects.

Women's Serge Capes

Are now in Fashion's Favor—Here is
one of rare charm

At \$29.50

Although modest in price this new cape is very carefully made, and has all the grace and beauty of line of much higher priced models.

It is in coat-front effect, with the cape skillfully shirred on deep yoke.

Developed in Fine Quality Men's Wear Serge, with deep over collar of Silk Foulard, and lining of Silk Foulard. Illustrated.

New Belted Spring Coats for Women at \$25.00

In an entirely new model, loose-belted, with smart convertible collar, and button trimmed pockets. Beautifully tailored in fine quality Poplin or Men's Wear Serge. Cannot be duplicated.

Exceptional Values

Women's

Silk Poplin Skirts At \$9.75

Silk Poplin Skirts are enjoying an enviable vogue, making this special offering of unusual interest. The styles are in smart shirred top and yoke effect, with novelty pockets and belts. Sizes 24 to 36 waistbands.

We shall also offer Saturday a splendid assortment of skirts in Men's Wear Serge and Wool Poplin, with the new button trimming.

At \$5.95 \$7.95 \$9.75

Today—A Most Unusual

Sale of Novelty Necklaces

in new and novel colorings



At 95c—Very pretty novelty necklaces, with filigree metal ornaments and connecting pieces, finished with one or two drop pendants. Great variety of colorings.

At \$1.95—Rich looking novelty necklaces with bead connecting pieces and metal filigree ornaments, in all the new suit colorings.

At \$2.95—Smart necklaces of novelty beads, with fancy metal links and ornaments, in French Blue, Topaz, Coral, Jade, Sapphire, Red and other colorings. One style pictured.

Women's Sweaters

Knit in the New Link
and Link Effect

At \$3.95 & \$5.95



New collarless, round collar, laced front, and roll-collar styles, suitable for sports and general wear.

Knit in all wool, in Rose, Henna, Copenhagen Blue, Buff, Turquoise, Soldier Blue, Coral and Beige. One pictured.

Men's Walking Canes

Regularly \$4, \$5 and \$6.

Special at \$2.50

The complete sample line of a well-known manufacturer. Good selection of woods, including English Ash, Maple, Rose Wood, Wangee, Bamboo, Wachsen and Green Ebony. Sterling Silver Trimmed—some "Ivory" inlaid.

Misses' Spring Suits

Decidedly Individual Types

Very Modestly Priced

At \$39.50



Styles created expressly for the youthful Miss, displaying many exclusive style treatments, inspired by Jenny, Lanvin and other famous coutouriers.

Smart Blouse models, new box effects, belted suits and others in the very modish straightline silhouette are included, with waistcoats and Gilets of Moonglow Silk or Pongee.

The materials:

Men's Wear Serge, Snowflake burra, silvertone, wool Jersey, Scotch tweeds and velour checks.

Youthful Frocks for Misses at \$25

Simple, practical and the more

dressy styles



A most exclusive collection of highly individual frocks, fashioned in a manner that would be commendable even in the highest priced gowns, of lustrous satin, figured foulard, chiffon taffeta, Georgette crepe, and serge tastefully combined with Georgette Crepe.

Trimmed with beading, embroidery, tucks, ruffles and braid. Sizes 14 to 16 years.

We have assembled a splendid collection of

Wrap-Coats and Capes for Misses

the rare beauty of which can be appreciated only by those who actually see the collection in person. Many are exact duplicates of imported models, others are original conceptions by some of America's best known designers. Fashioned of Silk Duveltyne, Evora, Crystal Cord, Silvertone, Tricotine, Poiret Twill and fine Serge, priced very reasonably

From \$15 to \$125

Girls' Smart Capes

Special

\$15.75

A real girlish cape in distinctive yoke model with shirred back, vestee front, and detachable belt.

Fashioned of Navy Blue Serge, with over-collared of Satin. Size 12 to 16 years. Illustrated.

Also—for Girls 6 to 12 years—the same model Cape at \$13.75.



Girls' Practical Serge Coats

Special \$15.75

In stunning tailored model with shirred back, new pockets, and Quaker collar. Lined throughout with peau de cygne. Sizes 6 to 10 years. Illustrated.

Dainty Pongee Silk Frocks For Girls at \$11.75

—values that are seldom approached

Fashioned along entirely new lines, with shirred bodices, finished with frilling at neck. Skirt is clever pleated effect. Very carefully made of soft, natural pongee. Sizes 8 to 14 years.